



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Municipal Police Training Academy

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RIMPTA Training Announcement

Drug Recognition Expert School

Program Date:	Classroom Dates: September 7-17, 2021 Field Evaluation Dates: October 6-12, 2021
Time:	8AM to 5:30PM – Monday thru Friday
Classroom:	CCRI Lincoln, Lincoln, RI*
Field Evaluations:	Jacksonville, Florida
Who Should Attend:	Officers with a strong command of SFST** and who have attended ARIDE*** training
Training Slots Available:	Training is limited to twenty (20) officers
Application Process:	Potential candidates must complete an application (attached), submit a letter of recommendation from their respective Police Chief, submit a resume and attend a twenty (20) minute interview before the SFST/DRE Advisory Board.
Expenses:	The entire training including out-of-state per diem, equipment, airfare, lodging and course fees, will be paid through the Office on Highway Safety (OHS).

The Drug Recognition Expert Program trains police officers through a three (3) phase training process: Drug Recognition Expert Pre-School (16 hours), Drug Recognition Expert DRE School (56 hours), and Drug Recognition Expert Field Certification (Approximately 40-60 hours in Jacksonville, Florida).

Once trained and certified, DREs become highly effective officers skilled in the detection and identification of persons impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. DREs are trained to conduct a systematic and standardized twelve (12) step evaluation consisting of physical, mental, and medical components.

Because of the complexity and technical aspects of the DRE training, not all police officers may be suited for the training. Experience has shown that training a well-defined group of officers who become proficient in impaired driving enforcement works well in combating impaired drivers.

A. Goals:

1. Determine if an individual is under the influence of a drug or drugs other than alcohol, or the combined influence of alcohol and other drugs, or suffering from some injury or illness that produces similar signs to alcohol/drug impairment.

2. Identify the broad category or categories of drugs inducing the observable signs and symptoms of impairment; and
3. Progress to the Field Certification Phase of the training.

B. Objectives:

1. Can describe the involvement of drugs in impaired driving incidents;
2. Name the seven drug categories and recognize their effects;
3. Describe and properly administer the psychophysical and physiological evaluations used in the drug evaluation and drug classification procedures;
4. Prepare a narrative drug influence evaluation report;
5. Discuss appropriate procedures for testifying in typical drug evaluation and classification cases.

Applications, resumes and letters of recommendation shall be returned to the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy, **NLT Friday, August 6, 2021**. Please contact Richard T. Sullivan at richard.sullivan@risp.gov or Donna Lavalley at donna.lavalley@risp.gov if you have any questions.

Please do not assume a candidate has been accepted for training based solely on submitting an application. All required documents must accompany the application and then the **perspective candidate will be notified when and where a mandatory interview will take place.**

***Subject to change**

****SFST:** Officers must be certified and proficient.

*****ARIDE:** Classroom training.



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Course Title:		Police Department/Agency: (name and full address)	
Drug Recognition Expert School			
Course Dates/Location: September 7-17, 2021 CCRI Lincoln Lincoln, Rhode Island	Contact Person (Supervisor): Richard T. Sullivan	Department/Business Phone: richard.sullivan@risp.gov 401-323-0494	
PARTICIPANT: NAME, RANK and <u>CELL Number</u>			
Officers Name:			
E-Mail Address:		Cell Number:	
<u>Please FAX or Email this form to the attention of:</u>			
Mrs. Donna Lavallee at donna.lavallee@risp.gov or (401) 722-3151 (Academy Fax) RSVP by August 25, 2021			
Please contact Richard T. Sullivan at richard.sullivan@risp.gov or text or call (401) 323-0494, with any questions regarding this training.			

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